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Material for the Blurb for W3PXY, and items for the Swap Sheet, for W3WUX, must be received by the 15th. The "Blurb" is mailed the last Thursday of the month.

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Every year, some fall, a group known as the Nominating Committee selects candidates from among whom you elect your officers for the coming year. I say, "every year" although actually this procedure has only been in operation the last four years. The procedure came about as the result of a sad experience a few years ago when nominations were made from the floor and everyone responded with "I decline nomination because Let's not forget this sad experience. During the month of October, this years Nominating Committee will be asking some of you to run for club offices for the year 1959(9). The last few years this committee has been very successful due to the willingness and enthusiasm with which nominations were accepted. Let's keep this spirit rolling. There is no question Phil-Mont is loaded with capable individuals and if you have not held office before, you owe it to the club to accept nomination if selected, and to your turn serving the club for a year if elected. Sure it will take some of your time, but if everyone pulls his fair share of the load, we can enjoy smooth operation of the club without undue burden on anyone, particularly the officers whose job it is to merely delegate duties and thereby distribute the work among the membership.

So, if and when the Nominating Committee calls you this year, don't repeat the sad experience we all remember by turning them down. Instead, accept your obligation to Phil-Mont and get in the race, giving it all you've got for a bigger and better campaign than ever.

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Prexy

Remember.... October meeting is the

"Phil-Mont Auction Meeting"

THE LATEST SCOOP:

The Cover this month announced our Annual Auction.

Note all the characters portrayed there-in. The fellow with his head buried in the box is W3Broad Beamed Hamilton. The fellow in the far background we don't recognize. Many thanks to W3YHV Bill for the swell cover again this month. The Auction again promises to be a big affair, with ole Hy again on the podium. Bring out your gear - remember it is an absolute auction. The club charges 10% handling charge. You can buy back your own gear if you do not feel you are getting the right price, but you must ante up the 10%. Please bring out only usable gear - no junk. Last year we had a lot of good material go begging because there was not enuff time to get around to it all. See you there.

Mae Burke W3CUL is busy at it - ED received a Radiogram card from Down South saying get off your duff and send your Blurbs as a swap sheet to Andy Clark W4IYT at Miami Springs Florida. The reason we mention it is we met Andy at the ARRL convention gassing with W3JL. W4IYT publishes a blurb Florida skip which is distributed all over the state of Phlorida. He has probably 30 contributors who help fill his rag with a good bit of blarney. Notable features of his rag is its professional appearance, reports of all the eadio clubs in Phlorida, and a very fine free swap shop section with no limit of words (amateur only of course). Further reason for mentioning it here is that starting with this issue and with the Author's approval, we will publish a series of parodies on Phlorida written by A. Fink, a native of Phlorida. The spelling of Phlorida is Al Fink's coinage, so wherever you see the spelling, let it be known it is his derivation alone. We are curious if Phlorida Chambers oc Commerce will permit publication of these choice bits. ED will let you know. Whatever the case, elsewhere in this issue you will find the first of a series (we hope). --- Our tears of last month failed to route out any more cards or information about the doings in weeks past - we will have to try another tack - that one didn't work. ED is considering all sorts of ideas such as quitting after these nine long years of key punching, starting up the PCSSOA (Post Card Saving Society of America) again, reorganizing by setting up a staff who will contribute copy every month and a few other assorted ideas. The main problem-time demands are becoming a problem in that the little time left for hamming goes into making limited meetings every month and getting this together. All else is falling by the wayside and things promise to get worse before they get better. ED does not have the time to scrounge info like he used to - with not even the time to scrounge the help to scrounge the info, so if you don't get a few Blurbs in the following months you will know what the story is. We promise to get out a December issue tho in case you miss the November, which will contain if nothing else, A Christmas Carol - Phlorida style. In nine years of publication we have missed one month - be prepared for a few more. We wish the Improvement Fund could buy a few reporters--say 4 or 5. --- Nuff of that - CQ last month had an article by a Mr. Polskin on Films For Hams which looks good as something in the way of educational material for the meetings. Some of the long bearded gray hair hams in the crowd won't admit they learn something when programs of this type are put on, but we heard no complaints when W3VXN showed the film on standing waves a while back. A few choice ones "Effects of Ionosphere on Radio Wave Propagation" and "Radio Antennas" and others would do well on some of the programs we think. Incidentally Wayne Green W2NSD still has not kicked in with the usual ante for the article written in CQ a year ago - the name of the article you remember was "Making a Movie" and appeared in September CQ 1957 page 25. ED has been accused of pocketing this cash - so next time you renew your subscription to CQ send ins reminder to the ole buzzard.---W3CDY came through again with one of if not the best programs of the year last month with a demonstration of the Electronic Oven. The word went out to the wives to be present and we had a fine crowd with PWG-Ann, DSG-Rose, URU -Sara, WNC-Anne, UZO-Jean, FLP-Jean and some others we apologize for missing. The boys really worked hard to get the program together. The demonstration equipment, a well overworked piece of gear, was brought especially from Atlantic City that day by W3CDY and when it arrived it was found to be defunct. W3OWK, W3JIL, W3QQH and W3CDY spent most of the day getting it working again and just in time for the shindig. Lloyd spent most of the previous nite searing and refreezing the fine specimens for the show. The whole evenings goodies were cooked in the oven. Tis a real chore - about 15 burgers done in 27 seconds! A steak done in 90 seconds! W3VXN

purchased the steak by auction and said he hadn't eaten all day - he is single. The girls were well entranced by the cooking demonstration as were the QM's. ED hadn't seen enuf of his XYL to tell her - and did he get chewed out! Anyhoo Lloyd didn't get a chance to thank the boys for their help at the meeting so hereby accomplishes same. Many thanks to you Lloyd for taking a day away from your bread and butter to contribute to PMRC. How many of us put in that kind of time for the betterment of the club. ---THE ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE is under way - W3IRS lined up the Anchorage for us this year. W3QQH chairman, W3NIP, W3PKY, W3QZO, W3IM, W3AWH and W3RCE are on the committee. One of the biggest problems this year is the letter writing to get prizes into the house. Spence is looking desperately for the usual giveaways and favors for the tables - so is you have any ideas. ---The closed Club of Golf Matchers - W3LNQ, W3ADV, W3D\$G, W3HQJ, W3QQH are at it again and are providing the annual golf classic with communications. We have never been able to find out what the high interest was all about at that function. Last year ED went out especially to see if they were giving away something of a tipping nature as an incentive for the boys but they were not tipping their hand. ---W3PST has been having a bout with pneumonia in the hospital and is out now we hear - he changed his brand. ---W3YFV is complaining about his high taxes - the boys are thinking of taking up a collection to help him out - he behind. ---W3LNQ reports :-

Philmont is entering another phase of public service as some of its members are cooperating in a project to help the blind. W3LNQ reported at the September meeting that W3DD, Tom Benham of the Physics Department of Haverford College was engaged in making up tape playback machines and requested volunteers for wiring the audio section. There were four volunteers who could work at the College, and after discussion ten volunteer who could work on the chassis at home. Some one hundred playback machines are scheduled for production at present, with perhaps three hundred more to be made up later. These involve a transistor input stage followed by two stages of audio, along with a power supply and necessary controls.

Present plans call for making up ten models at the College. One of these models will then be handed to each volunteer along with as many kits as he can conveniently handle for wiring at home. Tom Benham stressed that service work would be done largely by the Philadelphia Association for the Blind, and that wiring and parts placement must follow the prototypes exactly in order to facilitate any later servicing.

W3AWH has volunteered to pick up and deliver the kits. On Monday night September 15, W3IW, W3JIL, W3KNC and W3OEC appeared at the College for preliminary work on the chassis, and the group will make up the ten prototypes.

These playback machines will be made available to the blind at not more than \$ 35.00 each, and make possible to these handicapped individuals the use of a great range of material on tape which is not presently available on discs. The suggestion to save money on the postal cards sent with the Blurb came up again but is not well received by the few who are interested in getting Blurb material together see previous comments. ---The Upper Darby CD forces have an Elmac and Conset in one of the Police Dept. trucks - a white one - unlike PMRC truck, this must be accompanied by a policeman since police radio gear is also installed. ---W3QQH is complaining about the Com truck being used for PA work and nobody getting it under roof while in Springfield. Closer follow up is needed sez he to get it washed and gassed etc. ---We need some spies to discover who is the one who wants to get a regular calender going each month for the Blurb - the note keeps appearing in one of the Blurb news sheets we pass around but we can't find out who makes the comment - We suggest that the individual who wants to see it, take the post card in hand and write down next months calender for printing in next months Blurb.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE APPOINTED

W3DOU is chairman with assistants W3VVS - W3PKY - W3QQH - W3LNQ - W3OEC - W3D\$G. Let it here be known that you are requested to contact anyone of these fellows and have your wishes expressed. We will nominate at the regular Nov. meeting and vote at the Dec. meeting for officers for the coming year. The nominating committee gets started early to give you the best possible slate.

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W3SGR is suggesting a plank for someones platform next year - he says that all members responsible for the Blurb should have their present salary for the year doubled.---
W3BS says he took no long trips this summer but worked out a lot on 10m. Karl is an old 20m mobiler so this is quite an admission. Karl and Kermit conducted a series of field strength tests on a variety of mobile antennas on 10, 15, 20 meters, which he says were interesting. We are sure W3DOU will call you directly for the dope for a Blurb report Karl - what say Tex? ---Incidentally Tex had the last Mid-Month meeting with 20 members at his abode and a good time was had by all. Sue (W3YJM) was read out for not getting home on time to baby sit so our Prexy could attend the meeting. (explanation Sue?) ---W3SAA wants to know how many QSL's did W3VVS receive for the quantity that Paul sent from Port Clinton Ohio? ---

WHO'S FASTEST "HAM" IN M-H

Who's the fastest "ham" in Honeywell? Eager to match their fastest brasspounders against fellow Honeywell radio amateurs (now Honeywell radio amateurs Data matics hams have issued a challenge.

It proposes a contest to "determine by fair competitive means, which ham operator should bear the title of code "champ"

They even offer to supply an annual trophy -- which would be inscribed, "1958 CODE CHAMPION, HONEYWELL RADIO AMATEURS."

Bob Germain, Merchandising, 118, has already accepted the challenge for Honeywells Twin Cities operators. He'll notify all hams in the club's directory as soon as details of time, places and procedures can be worked out.

W3UWL is now reported to be shooting pictures from the hip. See the Phila Bulletin news pictures of the Scolari fiasco.---Halloween is coming up and the annual Halloween roundup in Springfield will again be held on mischief nite. The truck will be the base station - volunteers so far are W3WUE, W3FLP, W3DGG, W3IRS, W3YJM, W3OEC, W3PX Y, W3LNG (no assignment in the sticks sez Frank) W3NIP, W3KNC - we need about 5 more.---Since no chamber of commerce in Phlorida will permit the following series of bits to be published we scoop the nation by the first printing outside of the State of Phlorida borders.

These writings are from the pen of A. Fink (Byline "Ayeff") location to be disclosed later and with his permission we will continue his series each month and as long as they last:

INTRODUCTION TO PHLORIDA

De Lawd made de land and de ocean
And de sky and de stars up above
Den he scrunched up a swamp name of
Phlorida
For de Crackers and Gators to love.

To keep dem from gettin' to lazy
He thrun in some bugs, snakes and flies,
And fixed it so dat, to keep de land flat
Each day thunderstorms fwell from de sky.

So mind you, if you gunna travel
To dis place dat's de pride of de South,
Pay no mind de bad food, or de people so rude,
Cause dey backward, and mostly uncouth.

Den expeck to git bit by mosquitoes,
Expeck weather dat's soggy an hot
So mind good advice, stay up North where it's nice
An be satisfied with what you got.

THE SNAKES OF PHLORIDA

In Phlorida, there is many useless and repulsive things, most pf which is snakes.

They come in several varieties, all of which is no good except to bite people with.

Other uses are to name things after them, like snake-eyes, for a kind of game; or snake-hips, for a kind of people; some of which dances or plays football, or to call your friends a dirty low down one of.

There is also a thing called snake-oil, but they seem to get along pretty well without it. At least, you seldom hear of a squeaky or rusty snake which needs to be oiled.

Some people are supposed to like to eat baked snake, but you hardly see anybody advertising for a snake-baker, so there is probably very little future in it.

There is also stuff made of snake skin, like shoes, and belts for people. The snakes do not make these things, and in fact, don't like them much, and will not voluntarily give up their skin, but you have to take it from them, preferably in a defunct condition. The snake, of course, because if people try to take the skin before that, the condition might reverse.

Somebody up North froze a snake, and used it for a cane, but this is not hardly good for in Phlorida, because it would maybe thaw out, and you might fall and skin yourself if you leaned on it when it did.

People say that Indians have things called snake dances. Well, everybody to their own taste, but most people, I guess, would rather dance with a girl than a snake, even a girl snake. How would you like to say "Pardon me, Snake, will you dance with me?"

Snakes mostly are just called snakes, but some have first names like Rattle, Coral, Black, etc. The one with the nicest name is called Walter Mocassin. But even in spite of this he is no gentleman like his namesake who was running for office some years ago and threw his cap onto a puddle for some foreign woman to step in so she would not get her feet wet. This must have been before Phlorida was invented, or otherwise he would of needed something else like maybe a canoe. Oh, Walter is a very fancy-looking fellow, and even though he has a white inside to his mouth, he will bite you just the same, if he feels like it, which he usually does. Some people think that snakes are grown-up worms, but others say no, so you can decide for yourself. There is probably thousands of other uses for snakes, but nobody has yet found them out with out getting bit, and neither do we, so will end this story, as we have to write about alligatorators.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS

Sept. 18 1958

The annual Simulated Emergency Test will be held October 11 and 12. All amateurs and especially AREC members are urged to participate in their local exercises or in handling traffic destined to ARRL, civil defense and American National Red Cross. Consult your local Emergency Coordinator for details and sign up in the AREC if you are not already a member. Amateurs not taking part are requested to avoid use of the National Calling and Emergency Frequencies and local emergency nets during this weekend. Calling and emergency frequencies are listed on page 81 September QST. Other information on the Simulated Emergency Test appears on Page 87 of October QST.

August 28, 1958

Leading high claimed club portable scores in the 1958 Field Day were W2GSA with 23562 points, W2LI 18864, W2JIO 17901, W5SC 16056 and W1OC 15129. Other club portables reporting from 10000 to 15000 points were K2AA, W2GTD, W2OR, W2OTH, W2VDJ, W3RCN, K6BF, K6DTA, K6EA, W6SG, W6UF, W7HZ, and W9RK. Highest unit individual portables were K6GOI 4725, K6QIK 3969, W3MSR 3843, W2JBQ 3415 and K5DCO 3330. Top mobile total: W8PVC 5036, KsTOM 4361, K6EPC 3213, W8OHA 2525 and W8CMK 2484. A more complete listing of high claimed Field Day scores will appear in October QST.

????? Where was W3RQZ ?????

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